

The Life of Agustin Moreto y Cabaña
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Agustin Moreto y Cabaña was a famous playwright during the Spanish Golden Age. He was born of Italian parents in the year 1618. His parents traveled to Madrid, Spain that same year to baptize him on April 9th. Agustin Moreto grew up writing short stories with his friends and putting on performances for small audiences. When he was older, he was accepted to the University of Alcalá. He decided to study Law, but for fun he would write poems with his friends. Poems turned into three act plays called comedias, and intermission plays called entremeses. He graduated in 1639 and then returned to Madrid where he continued to write. We now have more than 100 of his plays. At the Age of 24, Moreto took minor orders and eventually entered the monastery as a monk at the age of 41. Towards the end of his life as a monk, Moreto dedicated his time to helping the poor. He would feed them, clothe them, and spend time with them. After he died on October 26th, 1669 in Toledo, Spain, he left all of his possessions to the poor that he spent the last years of his life with.

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